

(14) Being a candidate for nomination or election to a National, State, or local office.

(b) Hatch Act restrictions apply to full time volunteers at all times during their service, including off-duty hours, leave, holidays and vacations.

§ 1226.11 Part time volunteers.

(a) The provisions in this section are applicable to part time volunteers, as defined in § 1226.3(d). There are two categories of part time volunteers:

(1) Those enrolled for periods of service of at least twenty (20) hours per week for not less than twenty-six (26) consecutive weeks, as authorized under title I, part C of the Act, and

(2) All other part time volunteers, including Senior Companions, Foster Grandparents and Retired Senior Volunteers.

(b) All part time volunteers are subject to the restrictions described in § 1226.8 (a), (b), (c) and (d) and the exceptions in § 1226.9:

(1) When they are engaged in their volunteer assignments, in training activities, or other related activities supported by ACTION funds, or

(2) Whenever they represent themselves as ACTION volunteers, or may reasonably be perceived by others to be performing as volunteers.

(c) The restrictions described in § 1226.10, pertaining to the Hatch Act, are applicable to volunteers enrolled for periods of service of at least 20 hours per week for not less than 26 consecutive weeks, as authorized under title I, part C of the Act:

(1) At all times in any day on which they serve as volunteers, or when engaged in activities related to their volunteer assignments, such as training; or

(2) Whenever they represent themselves as volunteers or may reasonably be perceived by others to be performing as volunteers.

Subpart D—Sponsor Employee Activities

§ 1226.12 Sponsor employees.

Sponsor employees whose salaries or other compensation are paid, in whole or in part, with agency funds are subject to the restrictions described in § 1226.8 (a), (b), (c) and (d) and the exceptions in § 1226.9:

(a) Whenever they are engaged in an activity which is supported by ACTION funds; or

(b) Whenever they identify themselves as acting in their capacity as an official of a project which receives ACTION funds, or could reasonably be perceived by others as acting in such capacity.

§ 1226.13 Obligations of sponsors.

(a) It shall be the obligation of program sponsors to ensure that they:

(1) Fully understand the restrictions on volunteer activity set forth herein;

(2) Provide training to volunteers on the restrictions and ensure that all other training materials used in training volunteers are fully consistent with these restrictions;

(3) Monitor on a continuing basis the activity of volunteers for compliance with this provision;

(4) Report all violations, or questionable situations, immediately to the State Director.

(b) Failure of a sponsor to meet the requirements set forth in paragraph (a) of this section, or a violation of the rules contained herein by either the sponsor, the sponsor's employees subject to § 1226.12 or the volunteers assigned to the sponsor, at any time during the course of the grant may be deemed to be a material failure to comply with the terms and conditions of the grant as that term is used in 45 CFR 1206.1 regarding suspension and termination of assistance or a violation of the Project Memorandum of Agreement, as applicable. The sponsor